(c) whether the proposal have been accepted; and

(d) if not, the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The proposals are in regard to Bangalore, Belgium and Hubli airport.

The Government has set up a committee to identify site for setting up of an airport at Bangalore of international standards.

Considering the current density of traffic and availability of resources with the National Airports Authority. There is no immediate plan to upgrade Hubli and Belgium airports.

[*Translation*]

Airports in Uttar Pradesh

2044. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of place in Uttar Pradesh where the Government propose to construct airports with & view to promote tourism; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) National Airports Authority has no plans to construct any new airports in Uttar Pradesh for promotion of tourism due to paucity of funds.

Purchase of Engines for Being 747

2046. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have selected the engines for Being-747 aircraft of the Air India;

(b) of so, the details of the engine selected and the rationale behind such selection; and

(c) the names of the country with whom agreement has been signed in this regard and the terms and conditions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). Air India has selected Prat & Whitney engines for its Being 747-400 passenger aircraft on the basis of technological superiority and batter commercial offer. It has signed an argument for supply of these engines with M/s. United Technology International of U.S.A. with an obligation of counter trade to the extent of 15% of the value of the contract.

[*English*]

White Tiger Safari Park in Nandan Kanan, Orissa

2047. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether world's first white tiger safari park has been inaugurated at the Nandan kanan National Park in Orissa recently;

(b) if so, the number of white tigers there; and

(c) the tourists facilities available there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Orissa